

wherein

R^1 is optionally protected hydroxy,

R^2 is hydrogen or optionally protected hydroxy,

R^3 is methyl, ethyl, propyl or allyl,

n is 1 or 2 and

the symbol of a line and dotted line is a single bond or a double bond,

in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

14. A method according to claim 13, wherein,

R^3 is propyl or allyl, and

the symbol of a line and dotted line is a single bond,

in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

15. A method according to claim 13, wherein

R^1 and R^2 are hydroxy,

R^3 is propyl or allyl,

n is 2, and

the symbol of a line and dotted line is a single bond,
in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

16. A method according to claim 13, wherein

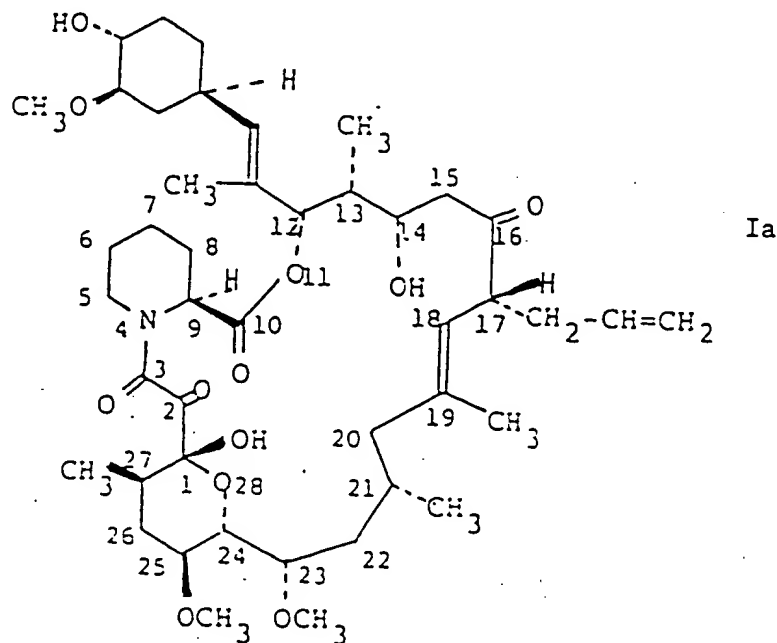
R^1 and R^2 are hydroxy,

R^3 is allyl,

n is 2, and

the symbol of a line and dotted line is a single bond,
in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

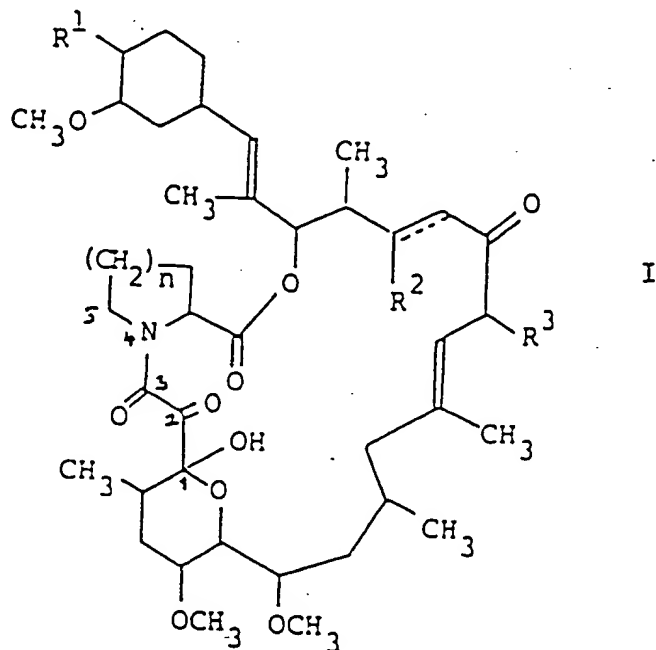
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17. The method according to claim 13 in which the compound
is



in free form.

18. A method according to claim 13 in which the compound is administered 2 to 5 times daily in the form of a lotion, gel, or cream comprising 1 to 3% of the compound.

19. A pharmaceutical composition for topical administration in the form of a lotion, gel, or cream comprising 1% to 3% of a compound of the formula



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R^2 is hydrogen or optionally protected hydroxy,

R^3 is methyl, ethyl, propyl or allyl,

n is 1 or 2 and

the symbol of a line and dotted line is a single bond or a double bond,

in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form,
and a pharmaceutically acceptable topical carrier for a
lotion, gel, or cream.

20. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 19,
wherein,

R^3 is propyl or allyl, and
the symbol of a line and dotted line is a single bond,
in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

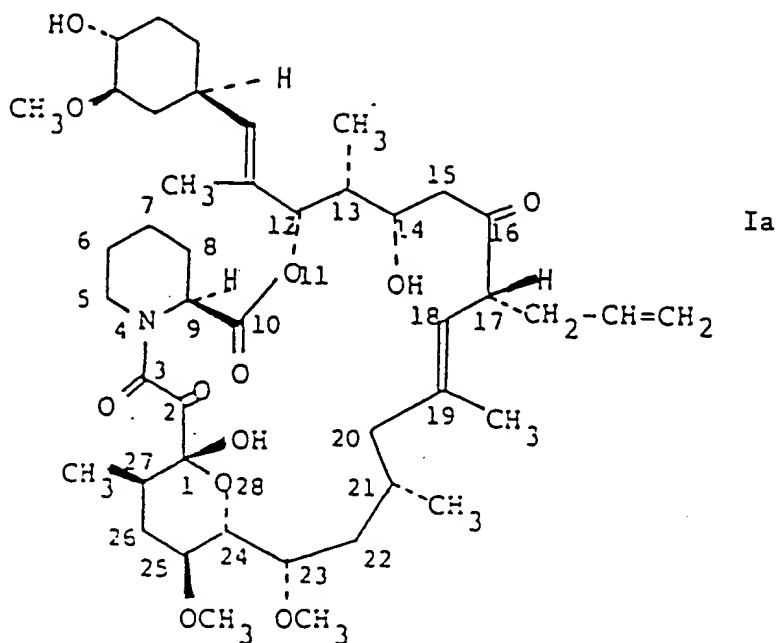
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21. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 19,
wherein R^1 and R^2 are hydroxy,

R^3 is propyl or allyl,
 n is 2, and
the symbol of a line and dotted line is a single bond,
in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

22. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 19,
wherein R^1 and R^2 are hydroxy,

R^3 is allyl,
 n is 2, and
the symbol of a line and dotted line is a single bond,
in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

23. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 19 in which the compound is



in free form.

24. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 19 in which the composition is a lotion.

25. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 19 in which the composition is a gel.

26. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 19 in which the composition is a cream.